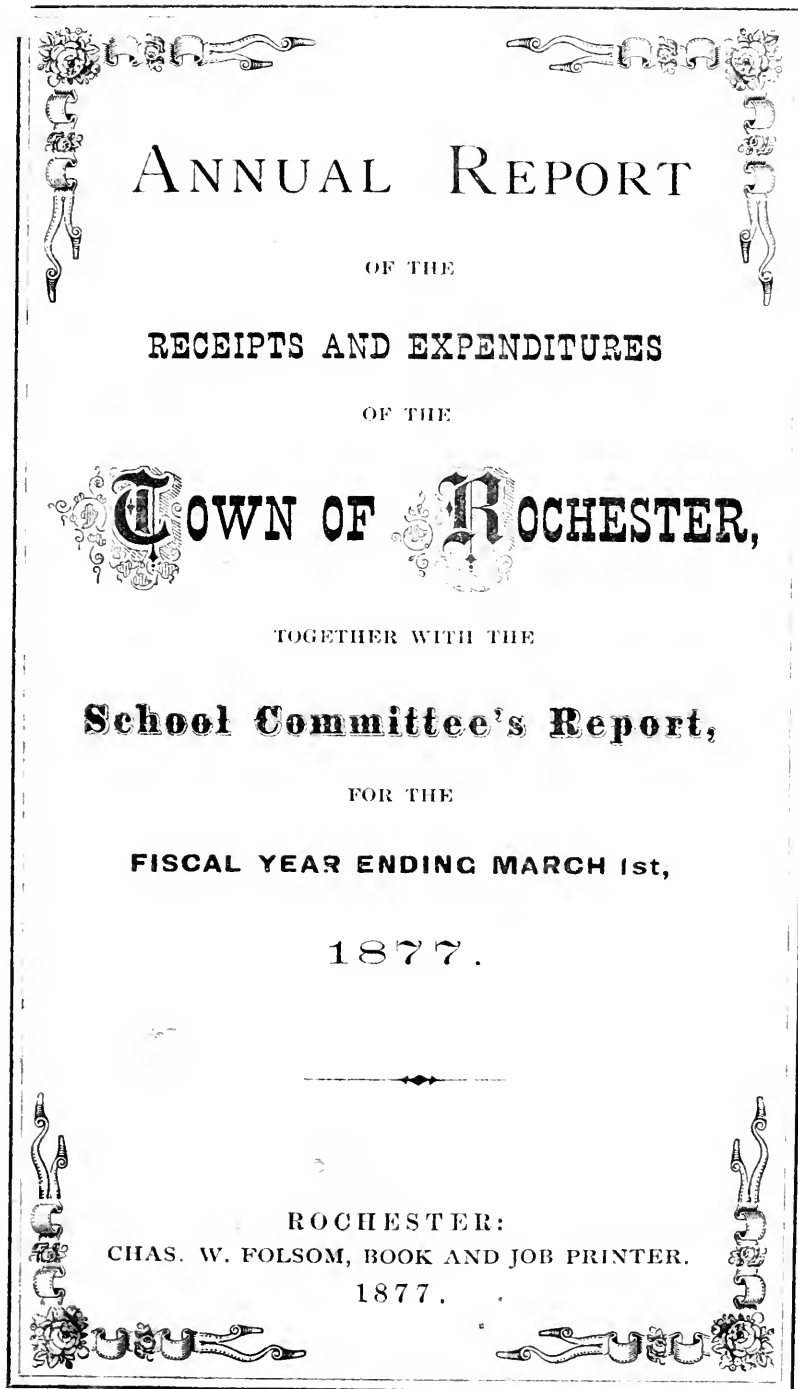


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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF THE
Town of Rochester
TOGETHER WITH THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT,
FOR THE
Fiscal Year Ending March 1st, 1877.



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EXPENDITURES.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

<i>No. of District.</i>	<i>Committee.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
5,	John W. Hall, 1875,	79 84
1,	James H. Corson,	161 49
2,	Gershon H. Horne,	137 17
3,	John H. Osborne,	184 77
4,	Samuel K. Pickering,	142 00
5,	John W. Hall,	130 48
6,	Andrew N. Daggett,	137 65
7,	William H. Felker,	397 31
8,	Stephen D. Wentworth,	2115 02
9,	Charles W. Corson,	162 68
10,	Samuel McIntire,	178 31
11,	Charles Estes,	171 27
12,	Edward E. Evans,	207 35
13,	John H. Bickford,	130 95
14,	Edward Josselyn,	130 00
15,	Hannah E. Gerrish,	160 47
16,	Charles F. Hayes,	103 49
17,	Charles E. Hodgdon,	120 87
18,	Charles W. Dame,	135 39
19,	Thomas C. Hoyt,	499 40
20,	Luke Tebbetts,	100 39
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		\$5,586 30

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Dis. No. 1,	Sam'l A. Tebbetts, Surveyor, 1874,	3 00
	George H. Meserve, " '75,	86 42
	Amasa Allen, " '76,	93 75
2,	Thomas C. Hoyt, " '75-6,	74 62
3,	Benjamin Wentworth, " '74,	3 37
	Wm. P. Folsom, " '75,	81 00
	Orin J. Richards, " '76,	589 57
4,	John F. Twombly, " '75-6,	194 99
5,	Jonas M. Plumer, " "	191 25
6,	John F. Torr, " "	92 35
7,	A. U. Nason, " '75,	220 51
	Solomon Evans, " '76,	370 18
8,	John P. Trickey, " '75,	282 36
	John Legro, " '76,	1720 90
9,	Enoch Chamberlain, " '75-6,	37 49
10,	James T. Hanson, " '75,	12 37
	Benjamin Horne, " '76,	135 02
11,	James M. Murray, " '74,	4 12
	John S. Hall, " '75-6,	105 47
12,	Edward L. Tebbetts, " "	520 35
13,	William J. Roberts, " "	455 14
	John H. Downing, " '74,	26 00
14,	David J. Folsom, " '75-6,	1081 19
	Daniel McDuffee, " '74,	44 00
	J. A. Dame, " '73,	25 11
15,	Jacob Clark, " '76,	118 00
	George W. Hodgdon, " '75,	40 65
16,	Levi Meader, " '76,	255 52
	James L. Osborne, " '75,	191 38
17,	George W. Bickford, " '75-6,	29 17
18,	Theoph. D. Pickering, " "	306 00
19,	John E. Chesley, " "	87 01
20,	John S. Calef, " "	129 58
21,	George W. Foss, " '76,	121 79
	Eli Meader, " '75,	39 88
22,	James T. Higgins, " '75-6,	144 40
23,	Lewis Garland, " "	70 35

Dist. No. 24, Joseph W. Ham, Surveyor, '75-6,	152	90
25, John W. Hall, " "	152	51
26, William Flagg, " 75-6,	78	75
27, Gilman A. Pearl, " 76,	102	85
James F. Foss, " '75,	31	17
Daniel Swain, " '74,	4	50
28, Hanson Evans " '76,	93	45
Edward E. Evans, " '75,	26	40
29, Wm. M. Hart, " '75-6,	96	63
30, Isaac H. Twombly, " "	114	00
31, David H. Stacy, " "	123	35
32, Charles T. Clark, " '75,	28	75
A. J. Parshley, " '76,	131	75
33, Simon Wentworth, " '75-6,	63	90
34, Charles E. Jenkins, " "	53	37
35, Samuel Ham, " '75,	60	90
M. H. Wentworth, " '76,	293	00
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	\$9,592 44	

MISCELLANEOUS ROAD BILLS.

Paid Ela & Kelley, nails for old bridge,	1	00
John Bickford, supporting watering trough,	3	00
Warren Wadleigh, " "	3	00
Hanson Evans, " "	3	00
Sarah M. Hayes, " "	3	00
Amos Tufts, wid'g road and stone work,	10	00
James Corson, plank,	58	77
S. S. Hart, boards,	8	00
D. F. Davis, land to widen road,	3	00
H. K. Roberts, railing for Little Falls bridge,	9	00
J.T. Dodge, half of sidewalk & edge stones,	55	00
S. D. Avery, poles for railing,	2	00
D. H. McDuffee, railing Walker's bridge,	10	68

Paid M. H. Wentworth, putting in bridge at McDuffee place,	145 13
John F. Hayes, grading do.	13 50
Eli Blaisdell, work on drain,	6 00
A. U. Nason, lime and cement,	5 70
Clarence Howard, work on Walker bridge,	75
Ephraim Hammett, work on River street,	6 00
J. C. Jacobs, work on private way,	75
D. J. Folsom, " old foot bridge,	1 50
Paul A. Hurd, " "	1 75
Do. setting 16 trees on common,	22 60
Timothy Noyes, land damage for sewer,	5 00
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	\$378 13

BRIDGE STREET BRIDGE.

Paid M. H. Wentworth for 672 yards of stone work and 23,880 ft. lumber and labor,	3095 55
John Bickford, 3034 ft. plank,	45 51
E. J. Skelley, work grading,	3 12
James McDuffee, "	5 01
Andrew King, "	7 12
I. S. Twombly, "	1 25
A. U. Nason, "	15 95
R. T. Rogers, "	38 25
John McLeod, "	1 25
Michael Skelley, "	3 12
Ira Doe, "	4 38
Thomas Durgin, "	75
G. D. Palmer, "	7 50
J. W. Deering, "	5 62
John Holt, "	1 25
James Riley, "	3 75
D. J. Folsom, "	18 00
Amasa Dame, "	17 25

Paid William Mace, work grading,	15 00
Abram Varney, “	2 25
Oliver W. Hussey, “	16 37
William H. Canney, “	3 13
C. P. Hussey, “	1 50
John Smith, “	5 63
G. Hill Hayes, “	19 13
George Bradford, “	27 00
Patrick Lone, “	1 50
John Howard, “	75
Nathan'l Dorman, “	3 00
Charles F. Walker, “	14 62
Patrick Keating, “	3 00
R. N. Foss, “	1 25
James W. McDuffee, “	7 50
Richard McDuffee, “	21 62
Asa Jackson “	2 00
Wm. A. Henderson, “	4 58
Walter B. Ellis, “	6 64
Hiram Mace, “	15 00
J. B. Moore, irons for railings,	4 90
John W. Roberts, work railing,	5 62
Wm. A. Henderson, work on bridge,	17 50
Dana H. McDuffee, “	21 00
Daniel McDuffee, for grade,	25 00
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	\$3,526 93

MAPLE STREET FILL.

Paid Amasa Dame, labor,	3 50
C. L. Ward, “	4 00
A. J. Brown, “	63
John McLeod, “	1 88
Ira Doe, “	1 88
Patrick Kenney, “	1 25

Paid Michael Skelley,	labor,	1 88
G. D. Palmer,	"	2 25
J. W. Deering,	"	1 88
John Holt,	"	2 50
Taylor Dame,	"	1 88
Patrick Foye,	"	2 50
D. J. Folsom,	"	4 50
Amasa Dame,	"	4 50
Wm. Mace,	"	4 50
Oliver W. Hussey,	"	4 50
E. J. Skelley,	"	1 88
James McDuffee,	"	1 87
Andrew King,	"	1 88
R. T. Rogers,	"	13 00
Wm H. Canney,	"	1 88
James Riley,	"	2 20
James Jenness,	"	1 50
J. W. & J. P. Clark,	"	5 00
C. P. Hussey,	"	4 00
J. Smith,	"	1 88
G. Hill Hayes,	"	9 00
George Bradford,	"	13 50
M. H. Wentworth,	"	4 50
Charles F. Walker,	"	7 00
Patrick Keating,	"	4 50
James W. McDuffee,	"	4 50
Richard McDuffee,	"	11 50
James Elliott,	"	2 50
Wm. A. Henderson,	"	1 88

\$138 00

Total miscellaneous road bills, \$4,043 06.

PAUPER BILLS PAID.

Paid S. F. Shaw for 1 sponge,	45
Hanscom & Co., goods del. I. M. Blake,	2 00
Do. Seth Tanner,	2 00

Paid Ida M. Blake, aid,	2 00
L. D. Hussey, moving Jos. Clifton to Co. farm,	2 00
D. Hayes & Co., goods del. Jos. Tetro family,	18 10
Dr. I. W. Lougee, bal. due as town Dr.,	150 00
A. U. Nason, wood del. A. A. Hayes family,	6 00
Parshley & Walker, goods	8 20
D. Hayes & Co.,	11 16
Do. Ida M. Blake,	8 00
C. K. Chase & Son,	4 00
Evans & Jones,	2 50
C. F. Walker, moving I. Brown to Co. farm,	3 00
Chas. Willand, wood del. J. R. Jenness,	4 25
L. B. Moulton, goods	4 00
A. U. Nason, wood	5 50
J. H. Edgerly, coffin & box for Mrs Tanner,	8 75
County for boarding Amanda L. Rollins,	3 00
Seth Tanner, funeral aid,	8 00
J. W. Varney, moving Patridge & wife to C.F.,	1 50
Mary J. Whitehouse, Farmington, aid,	8 00
R. T. Rogers, 2 cords wood for A. Horne,	11 00
Sarah J. McDuffee, boarding A. McMullen,	60 00
James Farrington, as town doctor,	150 00
Evans & Jones, boots del. H. J. Wilkinson,	4 25
I. Salinger, goods I. M. Blake,	12 01
A. S. Parshley, putting up 74 tramps,	18 50
J. F. Sanders, crackers for	2 74
John Greenfield, moving A. King and Sarah Foote to county farm,	4 00
A. T. Cotton, school books furnished poor children, order of committee,	2 73
Town Clerk of Brookfield, for certificates,	1 00
Hanscam & Co., crackers & fish for tramps,	16 44
A. S. Parshley, moving Mary Kenney to C.F.,	1 50
W. S. Standley, goods del. C. Lawson,	60 13
Parshley & Walker,	42 65
M. A. Sanborn, robe,	4 00
J. H. Edgerly, coffin for Mr. Lawson,	6 00
W. S. Standley, goods del. Riley family,	2 34
Rochester Grange,	4 98

Paid Francis Carr, rent for Riley family,	7 00
H. B. Foss, wood del.	5 00
C. H. Foss	5 50
W. H. Canney, sawing wood	2 00
R. T. Rogers, wood del. Patience Hurd,	27 00
Wm. H. Canney, fitting wood	12 58
Cash paid,	10 00
Rochester Grange, goods del. A. McDonald,	10 00
R. T. Rogers, wood del. W. B. Ellis,	16 00
Rochester Grange, goods	5 00
J. O. Sleeper,	5 00
C. S. Beacham,	2 00
J. F. Sanders, goods del. Joseph Rusher,	7 00
for burying child of	2 00
Parshley & Walker, goods del.	4 10
A. L. Furber,	4 00
B. & M. R. R., tickets to Canada,	21 00
I. Salinger, goods del. Octave Simour,	2 00
Cash paid,	5 00
A. U. Nason, wood del.	2 50
W. S. Standley, goods	26 91
B. & M. R. R., car fares	13 70
J. O. Sleeper, goods del. Augustus Garney,	5 00
funeral expenses wife of	2 00
Parshley & Walker, goods del. A. Garney,	3 71
J. H. Edgerly, coffin for Mrs.	6 00
Hanscam & Co., goods del. Geo. B. Jenness,	2 00
W. S. Standley	5 00
Moses Wallingford, wood del. J. L. Deming,	2 75
Charles Tebbetts,	2 75
Geo. Brock,	4 00
David Rogers, rent for	32 50
Lawrence Flood, aid at \$2 per week,	104 00
Sarah A. Cairns,	68 00
J. K. Tebbetts, care of Henry Smith,	24 00
W. S. Standley, goods del. Eben J. Ellis,	36 00
Lane & Hayes	20 47
D. Hayes & Son,	7 13
J. H. Edgerly, coffin for	6 00

Paid A. U. Nason, wood for E. Maxfield,	2 75
Labina P. Evans, aid for Fannie Pickering,	18 00
Peter Billadue, board of Bell Taylor,	7 00
G. F. Richardson, tickets for “	1 55
T. E. Burnham & Co., goods del. John Otis,	10 00
L. B. Moulton, “ “	10 01
Abbie H. Hayes, aid,	10 00
C. S. Beacham, goods del. Joseph Jarvis,	1 14
C. W. Brown, tickets for “	6 00
Abigail Jenness, aid for James Dame, '75,	12 00
Evans & Jones, goods del. Susan Avery,	2 50
C. K. Chase, “ “	8 66
Amelia Pease, tickets to Lawrence,	3 00
C. W. Brown, 2 fares female tramps,	3 00
S. H. Wentworth, putting up and feeding 31 tramps,	31 50
C. W. Brown, tickets for Floyd and boy,	6 00
A. S. Parshley, ticket for sick tramp,	30
James Bulger, fare to Canada,	10 00
J. H. Edgerly, coffin for Chas. Sear child,	3 50
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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid S. F. Shorey, oil, alcohol, &c., for Torrent 5,	6 47
A. D. Gerrish, lanterns and clearing snow for Torrent 5,	5 50
Sewell Shorey, oiling hose for Torrent 5,	6 25
John B. Moore, work on Hose carriage,	75
T. C. Hoyt, wood for Torrent 5,	5 00
L. B. Moulton, work and oil,	6 85
Asa Jackson, sawing wood,	1 50
Stephen Shorey, shingle Torrent 5 house,	72 65
C. H. Clark, 12 spanner belts,	12 00
Hunneman & Co., repairs and pipe,	77 15

Paid Wentworth & Butler, repairs on Torrent 2,	1 50
Geo. E. Clark, work on H. & L. truck,	1 50
Tiger Co. No. 3, findings for four years,	42 11
Lyman Evans, Steward,	5 00
D. H. McDuffee, wood,	5 50
Veranus Horne, work on hydrant and reser- voir,	4 75
C. T. Yeaton, painting,	50
Eastern R. R. Co., freight on oil,	1 20
A. G. Peavey, work on Hose carriage,	1 25
Geo. H. Jackson, oiling hose,	8 00
Belt & Leather Stuffing Co., 2 bbls. oil,	123 00
Lyman Evans, work on hose,	8 00
G. W. Foss, work,	7 00
J. O. Sleeper, oil, &c.,	1 60
R. H. Parker, repairs,	7 00
T. E. Burnham & Co., goods,	6 81
A. U. Nason, wood,	6 00
A. D. Calef, clearing reservoirs,	8 50
W. H. Woodes, as engineer, 1875,	11 00
Martin Snow, lanterns,	4 85
Ela & Kelley, goods,	3 73
R. H. Parker, 6 spanners,	2 00
Gilbert Shaw, wood,	5 50
Lawrence Express Co., on hose,	2 00
Torrent Engine Co., No. 2, services,	500 00
Tiger, " " 3, "	500 00
Cochecho, " " 1, "	500 00
Torrent, " " 5, "	500 00
Pioneer Hose Co., services,	200 00
Resolute H. & L. Co., services,	200 00
T. C. Hoyt, shingling Torrent 5 house,	34 25
J. F. Brock, express on cylinders,	60

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POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Peter Cassady, special police,	2 00
E. A. Willand, police, 1875,	62 50
John W. Roberts, for 2 badges,	1 00
Joseph Bisson, witness fees,	2 45
J. L. Twombly, “	6 27
L. B. Twombly “	6 27
Geo. E. Mason, “	11 87
A. U. Nason, sheriff's fees,	15 96
J. L. Davidson, fees paid witnesses,	1 54
C. S. Ela, court fees drawn,	3 00
M. C. Lamprey, witness fees,	2 77
Wm. and Margaret Mason, witness fees,	7 98
Elbridge Knight,	2 45
C. W. Bradley, paid witnesses,	12 25
James Bulger, witness fees,	8 70
W. H. Dame, “	3 70
F. E. Hambleton, “	7 50
Cyrell Bisson, “	6 00
John Greenfield, paid witnesses,	2 99
Eva Maxfield, witness fees,	7 40
Edward Maxfield, “	7 40
Geo. W. Pickering, “	7 40
James Elliott, “	11 15
Henry Grondine, “	5 55
Thos. Grondine, “	1 25
John Reynard, “	4 06
Oliver W. Hussey, special police,	2 00
Michael Cassady, “	8 00
Hiram Waldron, “	4 00
James Hartford, “	4 00
John Crockett, “	8 00
L. S. Nute, “	11 50
“ witness fees,	7 67
Ephriam Hammett, for wood and fitting,	5 75
Patrick Keating, jr., special police,	2 00
John H. Pingree, police, 1875,	44 00
“ “ 1876,	84 75

Paid Isaac Hurd, police 1876,	50 00
Thos. McCrillis, police,	37 50
Wm. B. Kennard, “	49 10
J. L. Davidson, “	74 95
O. Sessions, “	35 75
L. B. Moulton, “ 1875,	40 95
L. B. Sampson, “	24 27
C. W. Bradley, paid witnesses,	29 63
Chas. T. Clark, wood for lock-up,	2 00
G. W. & C. F. Parker, chairs for lock-up,	4 68
Silas Hussey, as police justice,	194 00
J. P. Lovell & Sons, policemen's billies,	3 75
C. W. Edgerly, sheriff's fees,	8 96
Sumner Wallace, special police,	4 00
Geo. S. Durgin, “	4 00
John W. Clark, wood for lock up,	2 00
Walter S. Boston, witness fees,	3 70
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	\$959 32

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Eliza J. Holmes, note and interest,	308 25
Daniel J. Holmes, “	2,613 90
John Estes, “	153 24
John B. Francis, “	875 48
Israel Foss, “	741 95
John F. Perkins, “	332 31
Hulda Page, “	268 82
Daniel Huckins, “	1,619 50
Adaline Ham, “	665 59
Eliza Ann Kenniston, “	1,071 11
Christopher Maynard, “	109 35
Susan S. Lord, “	1,833 53
Mercy E. Montgomery, “	447 74
Sarah A. Foss, “	941 50
Wm. H. Walker, “	108 70
Geo. S. Lindsey, “	226 55

Paid M. S. Hanscam, note and interest,	1,287 00
J. M. Hanscam, “	1,608 75
Timothy Donovan, “	680 27
John Wiggin, “	63 07
John Hanscam, “	877 73
Clara A. Jones, “	675 50
Eliza H. McIntire, “	109 75
John Wingate, “	209 40
Wm. J. Roberts, “	2,082 20
Judith Berry, “	1,355 25
J. F. & J. W. Berry, “	1,051 33
Rochester Savings Bank, “	5,128 33
Belinda A. Beacham “	636 00
Rachel M. Roberts, “	402 68
Oliver M. Swain, “	426 96
C. S. Beacham, “	639 00
James Graham, “	47 64
Nancy Page, “	430 61
Thos. C. Davis, “	171 25
Zenas H. Nute, “	18 00
Albion C. Lane, “	277 00
F. M. Sanderson and Ida C. Allen, note and interest,	3,115 50
Emma B. Stillings, interest,	37 00
William Jackson, note, note and interest,	259 49
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	\$33,907 21

DOG DEPREDACTIONS.

Amount of Dog Tax assessed, \$348 00.	
Paid Ezekiel Wentworth, for hens,	2 50
Ezra Pray, 7 sheep,	28 00
Charles Clark, southdown buck,	8 00
L. J. Sanborn, 3 geese,	2 25
Hiram J. Osborn, 3 sheep killed,	12 00

Paid G. W. Hodgdon, damage to sheep,	6 00
Solomon Foss, 6 sheep,	28 00
Charlotte Flagg, 1 sheep,	4 00
Wm. Flagg, 2 sheep,	8 00
C. E. Hodgdon, damage and 3 sheep,	20 00
John S. Hall, 2 turkeys,	2 00
S. F. Seavey, 5 sheep,	19 00
Joseph Mace, 8 hens,	2 50
Willard Corson, 1 sheep,	5 00
Wm. H. Canney, 2 hens,	2 00
Charles F. Walker, 1 sheep,	4 00
John F. Hayes, 1 sheep,	5 00
J. T. Seavey, 1 sheep,	6 00
T. D. Pickering, 1 sheep,	4 00
Stephen Jenness, 3 sheep,	15 00
Samuel Bickford, 17 sheep,	79 00
Smith Clark, 2 sheep,	7 00
Dudley B. Waldron, damage to calf,	3 00
E. H. Watson, sheep,	2 00
James A. McIntire, hens,	2 00
Charles Tebbetts, 5 turkeys,	5 00
John H. Abbott, 4 hens,	3 00
W. A. Kimball, 1 hen,	1 00
James Tebbetts, 1 cosset sheep,	10 00
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	\$295 25

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid B. W. Sargent, damage to team,	12 00
A. J. Parshley, damage to wagon,	1 00
F. C. Manson, lining for stove at town hall,	2 00
L. B. Moulton, putting up platform, &c.,	6 75
Martin Snow, repairing stove,	14 85
J. F. Brock, trucking,	5 45
E. J. Mathes, Auditor, 1875,	5 00

Paid Jas. H. Edgerly, auditor, 1875,	5 00
Chas. T. Hartford, land damage,	7 25
A. W. Hayes, hardware and paint,	42 16
C. P. Hussey, for services,	1 50
E. J. Lane, pamphlet, laws and blank book,	2 00
E. H. Twombly, copies of 5 deeds,	3 75
E. J. Lane, receipt and note book,	1 60
Veranus Horne, putting in well,	25 00
S. S. Committee, services, 1875,	190 00
C. W. Folsom, printing check list, police court writs, blanks, accounts, &.,	207 00
B. H. Littlefield, cleansing town farm beds,	15 00
Worcester & Gafney's bill, 1875,	63 20
C. K. Sanborn's bill, 1875,	191 85
A. U. Nason, moving town clerk's safe,	20 00
J. B. Howe, iron work,	10 75
A. S. Parshley, insurance,	87 50
E. J. Lane & Co., town officer and school laws,	3 25
S. F. Shorey, damage to carriage,	10 50
S. D. Wentworth, collecting taxes, 1875,	450 00
G. Bickford, damage to team,	6 00
Lydia T. Andrews, error in tax of 1875,	1 91
Dr. I. W. Lougee, record of births and deaths,	3 00
James Wormwood, rope lost on foot bridge,	1 00
Joseph D. Hurd, repairs on town hall,	2 00
Dr. Chas. Blazo, record of births and deaths,	4 00
L. J. Foss, damage to team,	5 00
A. T. Cotton, books and stationery for selectmen and clerk,	39 26
A. T. Cotton, services as town clerk,	130 00
C. K. Sanborn's bill, 1876,	133 45
John H. Leighton, county tax,	4,348 26
Solon A. Carter, state tax,	4,460 00
F. C. Manson, work on sewer,	2 50
John Greenfield, going to Wolfeboro',	3 00
“ “ Great Falls,	2 50
“ “ No. Strafford,	3 00

Paid John Greenfield, attending court,	18 00
A S. Parshley, services as town treasurer,	100 00
“ desposition in 26 pauper cases,	26 00
“ 1 day and expenses at Dover with Co. assessors,	3 25
“ time and expenses, twice at Do- ver with Solicitor,	4 00
“ preparing invoice book,	6 00
“ 12 days and expenses attending court, Sept. & Feb. term,	36 00
“ pd. 6 telegrams for witnesses,	1 50
“ twice at Dover looking after fines,	4 00
“ time and expense to Concord to pay State tax, and draw State money,	9 00
“ to Dover to pay Co. tax,	2 00
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	\$10,718 99

Money paid on Special School District Taxes.

Paid E. J. Mathes on note for Dist. 10,	75 00
Ezra Pray, to purchase lot for Dist. 9,	87 50
Chesley Blaisdell, A. R. Nute, F. B. Went- worth, building com., Dist. 9,	468 36
J. D. Evans, treas. building com., Dist. 8,	3,370 00
S. D. Wentworth, prud. com. “	2,280 66
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	\$6,281 52

SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

To taking inventory,	100 00
Making taxes,	75 00
Recording and distributing road lists,	15 00
“ “ school lists,	12 00

To making collector's lists,	10 00
Recording counterpart,	20 00
Assessing tax in school Dist. 8,	30 00
Enrolling militia,	15 00
Taking and making report in ag'l dept.,	30 00
Enumerating school children,	30 00
Attending court to settle with comm'rs,	16 00
Revising jury box and drawing jurors,	12 00
Settling with collectors,	15 00
Appointment of town officers,	18 00
Keeping dog account,	3 00
As overseers of the poor,	50 00
Making and revising Nov. check list,	36 00
Warrant for Nov. election,	6 00
Hearing on road pet. Amos Gale et. als.,	
James Walker et. als., Ezra Pray et. als.,	25 00
Notice of hearing on three road petitions,	3 00
“ petition of school dist. 9,	1 00
Hearing on pet. school dis. 9, laying out lot,	10 00
Making return of inventory to Sec. State	
for apportionment of tax,	15 00
Looking after and letting new bridge,	32 00
Examining roads and bridges,	28 00
Return of R. R. stock to Sec. State,	5 00
Making and revising check list for annual	
town meeting,	36 00
Warrant for annual town meeting,	10 00
Looking up titles of Richards lot,	6 00
Making up town accounts and settling with	
Auditors,	36 00
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	\$700 00

TOWN OF ROCHESTER,

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By amt. rec'd from Selectmen of 1875 :

John S. Calef's note,	57 18
John F. Twombly's note,	450 00
Cash balance,	8,366 62
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	\$8,873 80

Rec'd from Hannah D. Willey on note,	1,062 00
Luther H. Butler, “	275 00
John Williams, show license,	7 50
James Graham, by note,	100 00
Daniel J. Holmes, “	1,200 00
T.W. Hammond, for Nashua & Worcester	
R. R. stock and dividend,	13,950 00
Rachel M. Roberts, by note,	400 00
for five town farm beds,	17 00
License, Robinson's panorama,	4 00
“ Murray's circus,	15 00
Charles P. Hussey, by note,	700 00
Lyman A. Evans, “	200 00
Ralph B. Palmer, “	150 00
T. E. Burnham, “	500 00
Nath'l Burnham, “	500 00
Lucy Watson, “	1,000 00
John McDuffee, administrator, by note,	1,000 00
Police Court, witness fees paid,	7 52
from county, “	44 84
J. H. Worcester, on Lougee case,	20 00
Do. J. Bradford case,	45 00
J. H. Edgerly, for plank,	2 00
George E. Rollins, board of child,	4 00
Supreme Court, costs paid out,	64 60
Dover, aid for Joseph Tetro,	18 10
S. D. Wentworth, police court fines :	
Charles Carter,	5 00
Fred Carter,	5 00
James Bumblebee,	5 00

Rec'd of S. D. Wentworth, police court fines :

Edward Keggeon,	5 00
William Low,	25 00
Samuel Kershaw,	15 50
State treasurer, insurance tax,	3 75
Railroad tax,	1,139 74
Savings bank tax,	5,416 40
Literary fund,	462 60
Lawrence Express Co., overpaid,	1 00
Abated taxes of '75,	5 80
Supreme court, costs paid,	38 80
½ liquor fine of S. H. Wentworth,	25 00
“ “ S. F. Shorey,	25 00
Martin Snow, on overcharged bill,	2 00
County Comm'rs, for pauper aid paid—	
C. Lawson family,	133 78
James Riley's “	26 82
Patience Hurd,	49 78
Alex'r McDonald,	10 00
Walter B. Ellis,	36 10
Joseph Rusher,	40 35
Octave Simour,	55 11
Augustus Garney,	31 31
Geo. B. Jenness,	7 00
J. L. Deming,	42 00
Lawrence Flood,	104 00
Sarah A. Cairns,	68 00
Henry Smith,	25 00
Eben J. Ellis,	75 10
Ed. Maxfield,	2 75
Fannie Pickering,	18 00
John Otis,	36 26
Joseph H. Hayes' family,	10 00
James Dame,	12 00
Susan Avery,	11 16
Andrew McMullen,	60 00
Putting up tramps and feeding,	88 50
Transients and transportation,	39 29
Huldah Page, by note,	268 82

Rec'd of John B. Francis, by note,	800 00
Silas Hussey, fines and fees of police court,	264 98
Amt. tax due in G. L. Stackpole's list, '73,	265 87
" " " school " "	10 53
" " S. D. Wentworth's " '75,	4,709 90
" " " school " "	1,097 27
Amt. raised in J. Greenfield's list, '76,	43,458 25
" " school " dis. 8,	5,207 41
Amt. money in hand belonging to school	
dist. No. 9, assessed '73,	555 86
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	\$94,943 16

RECAPITULATION.

Paid School Department,	5,586 30
Highway Department,	9,592 44
Miscellaneous Road Bills,	4,043 06
Pauper Bills,	1,340 39
Fire Department,	2,897 27
Police Department,	959 32
Notes and Interest,	33,907 21
Miscellaneous Bills,	10,718 99
Special School District Taxes,	6,281 52
Dog Depredations,	295 25
Selectmen's Bills,	700 00
Abatements in S. D. Wentworth's list, '75,	333 11
" John Greenfield's " '76,	359 71
Amt. due in G. L. Stackpole's list '73,	167 40
" S. D. Wentworth's " '75,	1,218 39
" John Greenfield's " '76,	5,476 41
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	\$83,876 77

In hand to balance—	
John S. Calef's note,	57 18
John F. Twombly's note,	450,00
Cash in hand to balance,	10,559 21
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	\$11,066 39
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	\$94,943 16

OUTSTANDING NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN.

Charles Greenfield,	700 00
B. F. & J. O. Hayes,	500 00
Zenas H. Nute,	300 00
Clara A. Jones,	600 00
Thomas H. Ricker,	3,840 00
Charles Willand,	500 00
James Graham,	533 92
Emma B. Stillings	300 00
Moses Chamberlain,	400 00
Enoch Chamberlain,	450 00
John F. Torr,	1,000 00
Sarah F. Rogers,	200 00
Thomas C. Davis,	3,000 00
Caroline A. Walker,	100 00
Pardon R. Francis,	1,000 00
Hannah D. Willey,	1,062 00
Luther H. Butler,	275 00
Charles P. Hussey,	700 00
Lyman A. Evans,	200 00
Ralph B. Palmer,	150 00
Thomas E. Burnham,	500 00
Nathaniel Burnham,	500 00
Lucy Watson,	1,000 00
John McDuffee, Administrator,	1,000 00
Hulda Page,	268 82
John B. Francis,	800 00
	————\$19,879 74

Indebtedness, Mar, 1, 1875, 42,964 78
Should be added Hulda Page note, 268 82

\$43,233 60

Reduction of debt for 1876, \$23,353 86

March 12, 1877.

We have examined the foregoing accounts, and find the same well vouched and correctly cast, and in the hands of the Treasurer of the town, two notes amounting to five hundred seven dollars and eighteen cents, and due from the said Treasurer in cash a further sum of Ten Thousand five hundred fifty-nine dollars and twenty-one cents.

E. J. MATHES. }
JAS. H. EDGERLY, } Auditors

ADAMS FUND,

Cr.

Amount invested, \$9,700 00.

Balance on hand March 1st, 1876,	194 63
Rec'd of Moses Wallingford interest on note,	10 70
Waterhouse & Haskell, " "	54 00
County interest on bond,	30 00
State interest on bonds,	216 00
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	\$505 33

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Margaret Tuttle, maiden lady,	10 00
Charlotte R. Place, widow 74 yrs. old,	10 00
Adelaide Place, maiden, for 1875,	10 00
Fannie Pickering, " "	10 00
Abigail I. Ricker, widow,	10 00
Rebecca Horney " for 1875,	10 00
Lydia Ham, mute maiden,	10 00
Judah Hurd, widow	10 00
Joanna M. Linscott, "	10 00
Betsey Bickford, "	10 00
Sally M. Wentworth "	10 00
Abigail Ham, "	10 00
Esther Yeaton, maiden,	10 00
Mary Burnham, "	10 00
Dorothy Jenness, "	10 00
Susan Clark, "	10 00
Eliza S. Moore, & 5 children,	15 00
Rebecca Rogers, widow,	10 00
Patience Wentworth, "	10 00
Susan G. Roberts, "	10 00
Eunice Brackett, "	14 12
Louisa W. Chadbourn, "	10 00
Lydia Hurd, maiden,	10 00

Paid Melinda Roberts, widow,	10 00
Emma T. Gale, “	10 00
Rebecca Horney, “	10 00
Sarah Hussey, “	10 00
Hannah W. Hall, “	10 00
Sarah Earl, “	10 00
Nancy Smith, maiden,	10 00
Amanda G. Randall, orphan 7 yrs. old,	10 00
Fannie Pickering, maiden,	10 00
Adelaide Place, “	10 00
Charlotte Place, widow,	10 00
Anna Selman, “	10 00
Judith Clark, “	10 00
Susan A. Davis, “	10 00
Patience Hurd, maiden,	10 00
Elizabeth Hayes, widow,	10 00
Time and expense looking after Adams fund and keeping account,	20 00
Cash in hand to balance,	86 21
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	\$505 33

Rochester, March 12, 1877.

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have carefully examined the foregoing accounts, and find the same well vouched and correctly cast, and find due from the treasurer to the town of Rochester, the sum of eighty six and twenty-one hundredths dollars—
(\$86 21.)

E. J. MATHES, }
JAS. H. EDGERLY, } Auditors.

There are taxes heretofore ordered to be assessed for 1877—

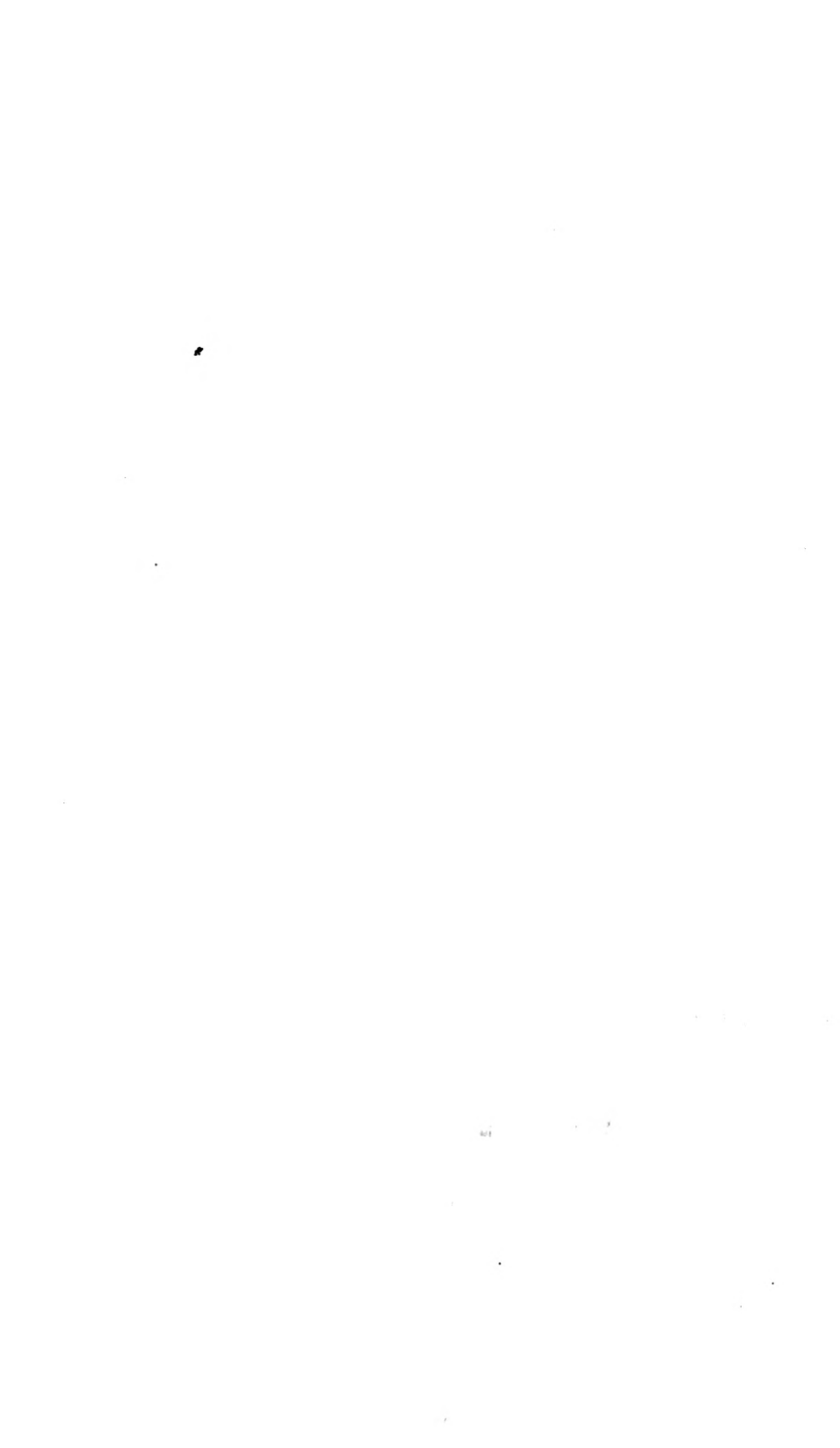
State tax,	5,648 00
County tax,	5,640 10
For School Dis. No. 8, the third 5 for new house,	1,260 00

Extract from Report made to Secretary of State, on
invoice of April, 1876:

No. of polls taxed,	1361,	valued \$136,100
“ horses,	555,	“ 32,050
“ cows, oxen & neat stock,	1342,	“ 41,036
“ sheep,	658,	“ 1,922
“ hogs, taxable,	11,	“ 138
Total valuation,	\$2,442,728.	

Respectfully submitted as our Report for the year
ending March 1, 1877.

A. S. PARSHLEY,	} Selectmen of Rochester.
RICHARD T. ROGERS,	
JOHN GREENFIELD,	



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee

FOR THE TOWN,

AND FOR

School District No. 8,

IN THE

TOWN OF ROCHESTER,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1877.

TOWN OF ROCHESTER, March 14, 1877.

At the annual town meeting, on presentation of the Report of the School Committee, the following vote was passed:

VOTED, that the Report of the Superintending School Committee be printed with the Town Reports.

Attest, ALBERT T. COTTON, Town Clerk.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Amid all our political and sectional strife, there is always one spot consecrated to peace. All partizan zeal is forgotten, when we approach the consideration of the well-being and success of our children.

The Russians have a wise maxim, that whatever you would have appear in a nation's life, you must first put into its schools.

How emphatically true, in this land of universal suffrage, whose government is the organic expression of the popular virtue and intelligence.

There is more practical wisdom in a New England school-house, than in all the lost arts of antiquity. From these people's universities, dotting every hill-side, has graduated the skilled intelligence, which has so far transformed our wastes into gardens; clothed our naked plains with waving harvests; set our mountain streams to the music of machinery, and with magic touch is giving to the homes of our fatherland an attractive outward, and a luminous inward.

In the country school house, the mass of our children begin and finish their education. How important that we seek for them the utmost practical excellence.

We congratulate you, citizens of Rochester, on the commendable interest you have already manifested in your schools, and on their increasing excellence.

General success has attended them during the past year. With usually competent, earnest, pains-taking teachers, most of the schools have made steady progress up the hill of science.

Next to the mother by the cradle, the common school teacher is the most important builder in this immortal rearing of the temple of mind.

The notion that anybody whom we can hire cheap, will do for a teacher, is a ruinous mistake. We want men and women of winning grace, ennobling virtue, exalted taste, not mere automatons, teaching only by the book, but by every look and motion and heart-beat—teachers who are incarnations of light, lifting glad tidings of hope over the darkness and despair of many a young mind struggling through dreary problems and ghastly pages;—whose very presence fills the school-room with order and energy, and sends the enthusiasm for learning pulsating to the very finger-tips of each pupil. A few such we have already—may the coming ones be like them.

Another essential element of progress is a good school-house. Many of our school-houses are now models of beauty, regarding in their finish, art without, and comfort and health within. Yet of some of these we suggest that one thirty-six inch square black-board, has hardly amplitude of dimension to bound the diagrams of the science of numbers. "A word to the wise is sufficient." But others of our school-houses, (we must be pardoned for telling the truth) have very little in or around them, to stir the divinity within the children. They lay like blotches on the landscape, uncouth and hideous without, and within—gloomy, hackneyed, inconvenient, so that it is no won-

der if our boys and girls in such associations, soon learn to hate the very name of study.

We are glad to see that District No. 9 have said—"Let us arise and build." May others speedily do likewise.

Finally, as parents, we want more personal interest in the schools. Many of our schools have the visits of the parents—very like angels' visits—few and far between. Such apathy is strange—is unnatural. The well-timed, courteous visits of fathers and mothers, not only encourages teacher and scholars, but ensures greater fidelity on the part of both.

We say to parents, become acquainted with the teacher in the school-room, to whom you entrust your children—who has power to sweeten or embitter the waters of their lives—at the fountain—and to make such impressions on their plastic beings, as will strike through like the red letters on our bank bills, never to be erased.

Let all—Committee, Parents and Teachers, unite in lifting our schools to still higher excellence during the coming year.

EZRA PRAY,	}	Snp'g School Com.
A. P. TRACY,		
HENRY KIMBALL,		

No. of District.	TERMS.	Length of Terms in Weeks.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Wages of Teachers per month.	No. of Scholars.	Av. Attendance.
1	Summer..	9	Minnie C. Gowen...	\$25.00	19	15
"	Winter....	12	Charles S. Clark.....	32 00	17	12
2	Summer..	8	Amanda S. Ham.....	28.00	8	7
"	Winter....	10	Annie M. Seavey....	30.00	12	9
3	Summer..	8	Sadie O. Mason.....	31.00	31	29
"	Winter....	9	George W. Trafton..	49.00	38	29
4	Summer..	8	Edna F. Trickey.....	25.00	5	4.3
"	Winter....	10	James M. Hayes.....	30.00	6	5
5	Summer..	8	Fannie C. Foss.....	21.00	11	8
"	Winter....	13	do.	24.00	12	9
6	Summer..	9	Ella M. Osborne.....	28.00	19	14
"	Winter....	10	Nellie F. Wentworth	24.00	21	17
7	Summer..	8	O. T. Maxfield.....	48.00	28	23.3
"	Fall.....	8	do.	48.00	27	21.7
"	Winter....	10	do.	56.00	30	21
9	Summer..	12	Hattie N. Chamberlin	28 00	27	24
"	Fall.....	10	do.	29.00	32	30
10	Summer..	8	Mary E. Avery.....	33.00	20	17
"	Winter....	9	Wm. H. Toothaker..	46.00	22	17.5
11	Summer..	8	Flora Estes.....	32.00	31	26
"	Winter....	9 1-2	Charles A. Caldwell..	40.00	34	25
12	Summer..	9	Lizzie M. Jenkins....	24.00	27	26
"	Winter....	11 1-5	Jacob B. Smith.....	66.00	35	22
13	Summer..	10	Lillie K. Hodgdon...	26.00	9	8
"	Winter....	10	Mary A. Horne.....	24.00	13	10
14	Summer..	6	Annie Prouty....	28.00	7	6
"	Winter....	14	Etta A. Hanson.....	24 00	10	9
15	Summer..	9	Nellie A. Flanders...	33.00	19	18
"	Fall.....	10	do.	34 00	18	15.7
*16	Summer..	9	Lizzie C. Lyman.....	30.00	12	11
"	Fall.....	7	do.	30.00	12	10
"	Winter....	10	Carrie A. Bennett...	30.00	13	11
17	Summer..	8	Juliette A. Jenkins..	20.00	9	6
"	Fall.....	8	do.	20.00	8	6
"	Winter....	7	Etta Stevens.....	22.00	6	4

*United with District in Milton.

No. of District.	TERMS.	Length of Terms in weeks.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Wages of Teachers per month.	No. of Scholars.	Av. Attendance.
18	Summer..	9	M. Josephine Ham...	28.00	13	11
"	Fall.....	10	do.	28.00	15	12.5
†19	Summer..	10	Mattie N. Hanson....	28.00	54	45
"	Fall.....	4 1-2	Hattie N. Hanscom..	28.00	48	43.8
"	Winter....	11	Mattie N. Hanson....	28.00	53	45
‡19	Summer..	10	Abbie F. Wentworth	28.00	42	35
"	Fall.....	6	Mattie N. Hanson....	28.00	39	36.8
"	Winter....	11	Ezra Pray.....	50.00	57	53
20	Summer..	7	Jennie S. Swain.....	20.00	6	5
"	Fall.....	12	Alice C. Dillingham..	20.00	6	5

†Primary Department.

‡Grammar Department.

No. of District.	Names of Prudential Committees.	Balance from last year, and Tuition	*Am't received of Town Treasurer.	Am't paid Teachers, incl'g board.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Balance on hand.
1	James H. Corson....	\$7.50	\$161.49	\$152.25	\$11.15	\$5.59
2	Gershom H. Horne.....		137.17	131.00	6.17	....
3	John H. Osborne....	8.63	184.77	172.25	19.28	1.87
4	Samuel K. Pickering.....		142.00	129.25	12.37	.38
5	John W. Hall.....	2 25	130.48	120.00	8.42	4.31
6	Andrew N. Daggett.	1.00	137.65	123.00	14.60	1.05
7	William H. Felker.....		397.31	340.00	57.27	.04
9	Charles W. Corson.....		162.68	155.05	7.63	....
10	Samuel McIntire.....		178 31	164.50	13.81	....
11	Charles Estes.....		171.27	160.00	11.50	†
12	Edward E. Evans....	7.37	207.35	194.00	19.93	.79
13	John H. Bickford....	8.50	130.95	125.00	1.66	12.79
14	Edward Josselyn.....		130.00	114.00	16.00	....
15	Hannah E. Gerrish..	.31	160.47	158.78	2.00	....
16	Charles F. Hayes....	2.00	103.49	100.00	2.50	2.99
17	Charles E. Hodgdon	9.00	120.87	118.50	3.18	†
18	Charles W. Dame....	20.08	135.39	133.00	2.30	9.09
19	Thomas C. Hoyt.....		499.40	428.00	64.68	26.80
20	Luke Tebbetts.....		100.39	95.00	2.50	2.89
	Total.....	66.64	3391.44	3113.58	276.95	68.59

*Each item in this column is made up of the following sums:

Each District's proportion of the \$500 extra money raised, \$25.00
 " " Literary Fund, 23.73
 " " Railroad Tax, 20 00
 " " Dog Money, 20.00

The balance being the amount raised by law for each District.

†23 cents expended in excess of total amount received.

†81 cents expended in excess of total amount received.

No. of District.	No. of Scholars Enrolled.	Av. No. Scholars Enrolled.	Av. Attendance.	Per Cent Attendance.	Reading & Spelling.	Pennmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	U. S. History.	Book-Keeping.	Other Studies.	Am't expended for each Scholar.
1	25	18	13.5	75	25	21	21	14	5	1	..	..	\$6.54
2	13	10	8	80	13	11	12	9	8	1	1	7	10.55
3	44	34.5	29	84	44	31	33	14	6	..	7	..	4.35
4	7	5.5	4.7	85	7	7	7	6	5	2	1	1	20.23
5	14	11.5	8.5	74	21	9	11	5	6	2	..	3	9.17
6	21	20	15.5	78	21	8	13	11	4	..	..	1	6.55
7	46	32.5	22	68	41	15	31	8	10	3	2	12	8.64
9	32	29.5	27	92	32	14	24	17	8	..	..	..	5.08
10	26	21	17.3	82	26	14	22	11	8	6	..	4	6.86
11	42	32.5	25.5	78	42	30	24	15	7	..	..	2	4.08
12	41	31	24	77	41	20	31	20	18	..	..	4	5.22
13	13	11	9	82	13	7	13	10	8	6	1	2	9.74
14	10	8.5	7.5	88	10	9	9	7	3	1	..	..	13.00
15	19	18.5	16.8	91	19	13	13	9	8	..	2	..	8.46
16	14	12.5	10.7	86	14	10	14	8	9	2	3	..	7.32
17	13	7.7	5.3	70	13	8	11	7	6	1	2	..	9.36
18	18	14	11.8	84	18	15	15	12	8	9	..	5	7.52
19	139	97.7	86.2	88	139	43	92	64	30	5	..	..	3.54
20	7	6	5	83	7	3	3	3	1	..	..	..	13.93

R E P O R T
OF THE
Superintending School Committee
FOR DISTRICT No. 8.

Your committee have endeavored to give the schools in this district during the past year as thorough and systematic a supervision as was possible. A watchful eye has been kept upon each, with a desire that its best interests should be secured, and that no part of our fast increasing ranks should fall behind, but, like a well trained army, each division should be in correct marching order.

In looking back over the past year and comparing it with the two preceeding years, we unhesitatingly report to you that, in our opinion, the work has been good. That in many, if not all respects, our grand army has made a progress worthy of the centennial year.

Not that we have already attained, either are perfect, but we press toward the mark of a higher standard of excellence each succeeding year. As there is always room up higher, so there will undoubtedly always be room for improvement in our educational system. In the minds of all interested in the subject, the ever recurring question is, How can our common

schools become more efficient educators of the masses of our children and youth, and at the same time secure to the individual the greatest amount of good, in mental training, and the acquisition of knowledge so essential to fit him to become the useful member of society? To the majority of families in this village, common school is the main if not the sole channel through which these necessary supplies are to be received. It therefore becomes of the highest importance to us, that it should be of the utmost efficiency. It is not enough that taxes are levied for its support, but it should also receive the personal attention and effort of Parents and Guardians, and all interested in the welfare of society. Let, therefore, your faces become familiar with the school-room, and with the candor of a true interest, see for yourselves if there is wise and competent management. Personal observation will be found far more reliable than "hearsay," which often approves or condemns most unjustly. A closer personal acquaintance with our schools, with a disposition to heartily co-operate with teachers and committees on the part of parents, would, we feel assured, do much to stimulate and strengthen them. It has been the aim of the Committee during the past year, as formerly, to enforce upon both teacher and pupils the importance of thoroughness. With an increasing conviction of the truthfulness of the trite old axiom, "Slow and sure," they have always insisted that no pupil should be allowed to leave the work of the term until it was mastered. In many instances it has cost no little firmness and patience to follow this principle, the persistent adherence to which has sometimes occasioned no slight friction between pupil and

teacher. Old habits and old Adam, together with young American ideas, have occasionally entered so heartily into league with each other, that nothing but the most heroic treatment could withstand them. And too often the teacher has been rewarded for his fidelity with most unjust censures, when an easy slipping over would have won him golden opinions. But after all it is an advantage, when one attempts the higher mathematics, to be familiar with the multiplication table, and a decided hindrance in the reading of Virgil, to be obliged to consult the grammar in order to determine the declension and conjugation of Æneas and Amō.

No marked changes have occurred in our schools during the year, we believe, with the exception of the removal of the High School to the new building on Maple street; the neat and cheerful appearance of which finds a sharp contrast in the remainder of our school-rooms, whose smoke-begrimmed walls look darker and more uninviting than ever.

A new school has also been opened on Portland-st., and bids fair to be a success, some forty-nine names having been enrolled the past term, and for the most part very regular in attendance.

The Grammar School was also removed to the room formerly occupied by the High School, and has increased in numbers until its accommodations are but barely sufficient.

From various reasons, the High School has this year been smaller than usual. Qualifications for admission are more stringently insisted upon than formerly, and the classes in the Grammar school, which would have naturally entered the High school, have been small. Some of the members through irregularity of attend-

ance, or inability to keep up with the class, have failed to pass the required examination, and so were obliged to remain another year. Some of those, too, who were best prepared to go on, were obliged, as is often the case, to seek employment; and for a like reason, some have dropped out of the High school.

The beneficial results of gradation have been more positively realized here, than previously, and we believe this school now stands on a far better basis than ever before. The quality of the school will, we think, in a measure atone for its lack of quantity. The present indications are that it will be largely reinforced the coming year; the class in the Grammar school being much larger, with the prospect that most of the members will be able to pass the required examination. The same board of teachers, with one exception, has been employed as in the preceding year. Many of them have now been engaged in our schools for a long time, and are too well known to need especial comment. We think the general success of our schools is mainly due to them, and that it is a sufficient testimonial to their fidelity and fitness for the work committed to them.

SUSAN M. WARREN,	} Superint'g School Committee.
E. C. COOK,	
HENRY KIMBALL,	

FINANCIAL.

The following are the expenditures for school purposes
during the year :

Salaries of Teachers,	3879 99	
Repairs,	153 79	
Fuel,	282 47	
Miscellaneous,	65 05	
Unpaid Bills,	115 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,496 30

The following is the money received for the support of
schools :

Balance unexpended in 18 last year,	180 39	
Proceeds of spelling-match, tuitions, &c.,	51 10	
Amt. from town, assessed in April, '76,	2115 02	
Special tax upon district,	2000 00	
Amt. assessed in April, '76 for repairs,	125 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,471 51

Deficiency,	<hr/> \$24 79
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Average amount of expenditures to each enrolled scholar,	\$8 20
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Total cost of Maple-st. school-house & lot,	6600 00	
Cost of Portland-st. school lot, and moving house on it, &c.,	650 00	
Interest on indebtedness,	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,550 00
Amt. of payments made,	3770 00	
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Present indebtedness on account of these houses,	\$3780 00	

SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR 1876-7.

1. Whole number of different pupils enrolled during the year, 548
2. Average number pupils belonging to schools, 420
3. Average daily attendance, 350.7
4. Number weeks school, Summer and Fall, 24
5. Number weeks school in winter, 12
6. Number weeks school for the year, — 36
7. Number schools, 8
8. Number weeks taught by males (2 schools, 36 weeks each,) 72
9. Number weeks taught by females, 252
10. Number visits by Super's School Committee, 148
11. Number pupils attending to Reading and Spelling, 498 ; Penmanship, 276 ; Arithmetic, 348 ; Geography, 258 ; Grammar, 164 ; U. S. History, 52 ; Algebra, 11 ; Natural Philosophy, 6 ; English Composition, 7 ; Book-Keeping, 9 ; General History, 14 ; Physical Geography, 14 ; Geology, 7 ; Botany, 5 ; Geometry, 9 ; Latin, 15 ; Greek, 4.

SCHOOLS.	Whole Number of Pupils.						Average Number Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. Attendance.
	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	For the year.	Boys.	Girls.			
High School.....	40	33	27	50	30	20	33 $\frac{1}{3}$	26	78
Grammar School	89	80	88	99	51	48	85 $\frac{3}{4}$	78	91
Main street Inter.	50	54	49	75	33	42	51	40	78
Wakefield-st. "	52	48	43	63	34	29	47 $\frac{2}{3}$	40.8	86
Main-st. Primary	50	56	56	85	50	35	54	46	83
Wakefield-st. "	56	48	43	70	31	39	49	40.7	83
Maple-st. "	42	51	40	68	37	31	44 $\frac{1}{3}$	33.5	76
Prim. at Academy	51	64		68	42	26	{ 55	45.7	83
Portland-st. Sch'l			50	50	25	25			
	430	434	396	628	333	295	420	350.7	83
Names twice ent'd				80	44	36			
Total.....	430	434	396	548	289	259	420	350.7	85

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	WAGES.
High School. }	M. C. Lamprey,	\$1000 a year.
	Sarah C. Horne, Assistant,	\$40 per month.
Grammar School—	James W. Applebee,	\$720 per year.
Main-st. Intermediate—	Anna P. Nash,	\$36 per month.
Wakefield-st. "	Mary J. Langley,	\$36 "
Main-st. Primary,	Helen S. Horne,	\$32 "
Wakefield-st. "	Ida B. Cate,	\$32 "
Maple-st. "	Etta E. Currier,	\$32 "
Portland-st. school,	Emma D. Webber,	\$32 "

Course of Study in School District No. 8.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

THIRD CLASS.

Reading and Spelling.—Hillard's First Reader. Counting and learning the figures in the Arabic notation; drawing on the slate, imitating letters, figures and other objects from blackboard, sketches by the teacher. Give particular attention to enunciation, correct bad habits of speech, and insist upon the use of good English.

SECOND CLASS.

Reading.—Hillard's Second Reader; spelling from the Reader without definitions. Learn the Roman method of notation, and the marks used in printing. Oral exercises in addition and subtraction of simple numbers; counting by twos to one hundred and back; drawing and printing on slate and blackboard, imitating letters, figures, &c., as in third class; oral instruction in geography.

FIRST CLASS.

First Term, Spring. — Reading Hillard's Third Reader to lesson 42; Arithmetic,—White's Primary, lessons 1 to 12; sounds of the vowels.

Second Term, Fall. — Reading, Third Reader, lessons 42 to end; Primary Arithmetic, lessons 24 to 38; Writing Book, (Eclectic) using pencil only.

Third Term. — Reading, Third Reader, selections; Primary Arithmetic, lessons 50 to 73; Primary Geography, (Eclectic) to the "Occupations of Men," and review; Primary Writing Book, as last term.

Throughout the Year. — Spelling from reader; counting by threes, fours, etc., to 100 and back; drawing on slate, blackboard or paper, imitating letters, &c., as in two previous classes.

HIGH SCHOOL.

ENGLISH COURSE.

FIRST YEAR.

Spring Term—Algebra, English Composition, English Grammar and Analysis,

Fall Term—Algebra, English Composition, Physical Geography.

Winter Term—Algebra, Natural Philosophy, Physical Geography.

SECOND YEAR.

Spring Term—Geometry, Natural Philosophy, Botany.

Fall Term—Geometry, General History, Botany.

Winter Term—Physiology, Geometry, General History.

THIRD YEAR.

Spring Term—Physiology, Mineralogy and Geology, Chemistry.

Fall Term—Astronomy, Mineralogy and Geology, Chemistry.

Winter Term—Astronomy, Political Science, Rhetoric.

ENGLISH AND CLASSICAL COURSE.

FIRST YEAR.

Spring Term—Algebra, English Composition, English Grammar and Analysis.

Fall Term—Algebra, English Composition, Latin (Grammar and Reader.)

Winter Term—Algebra, Natural Philosophy, Latin (Grammar, Prose and Reader.)

SECOND YEAR.

Spring Term—Geometry, Natural Philosophy, Latin (Grammar, Prose and Reader.)

Fall Term—Geometry, Ancient History, Latin (Grammar Prose and Cæsar.)

Winter Term—Physiology, Geometry, Latin (Grammar, Prose and Cæsar.)

THIRD YEAR.

Spring Term—Physiology, Mineralogy and Geology, Latin (Grammar, Prose and Virgil.)

Fall Term—Astronomy, Mineralogy and Geology, Latin (Grammar, Prose and Virgil.)

Winter Term—Astronomy, Political Science, Latin (Grammar, Prose and Virgil.)

FOURTH YEAR.

Spring Term—Chemistry, Botany, Geography, and Reading, with Methods of Instruction, or Optional Study.

Fall Term—Chemistry, Mental Philosophy, Grammar and Analysis, with methods of instruction, or Optional Study.

Third Term—Rhetoric, Mental Philosophy, Arithmetic, mental and written, with Methods of Instruction, or Optional Study.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

(PREPARATORY FOR COLLEGE.)

(Same studies during the first year and first two terms of second year, as in the English and Classical Course.)

SECOND YEAR.

Winter Term—Greek (Grammar and Lessons), Latin (Grammar, Prose and Cæsar.)

THIRD YEAR.

Spring Term—Greek (Grammar and Lessons), Latin (Grammar, Prose and Virgil.)

Fall Term—Greek (Grammar and Anabasis), Latin (Grammar, Prose and Virgil.)

Winter Term—Greek (Grammar and Anabasis), Latin (Grammar, Prose and Virgil.)

FOURTH YEAR.

Spring Term—Greek (Grammar and Anabasis), Latin (Grammar and Anabasis), Latin (Grammar, Prose and Cicero.)

Fall Term—Greek (Grammar and Homer's Iliad), Latin (Grammar, Prose and Cicero.)

Winter Term—Greek (Grammar and Homer's Iliad), Latin (Grammar, Prose, Cicero completed, and review of Latin commenced.)

Final Term—Spring—Greek, Latin, Algebra and Geometry reviewed.

Throughout the Course. Reading--Hillard's Sixth Reader till end of second year; for remainder of course, English Literature, (class to be critically examined each day on the previous lesson.)

Spelling throughout first two years.

Declamations by males, Recitations by females, and Compositions by all, three times each term.

REMARKS.

In the last year of the English and Classical Course provision is made for a thorough review of the common English studies with a view to prepare students for teaching. Especial attention will be given to the Theory and Practice of teaching.

The number of optional studies allowed each class is not to exceed two.

Graduates will receive suitable diplomas.

One class of the High School as now constituted, properly belongs to the Grammar School, and the studies for it are not prescribed in the foregoing course, but are found in the Grammar School course of study.

